

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 2, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Office Action.

Applicants have amended claim 8 and respectfully submit that support for such amendment can be found in at least paragraphs 17-18 of the specification.

OBJECTIONS:

The specification stands objected to. Applicants have corrected typographical errors in the specification and respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Claims 17-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have clarified terms in claims 17 and 20 and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

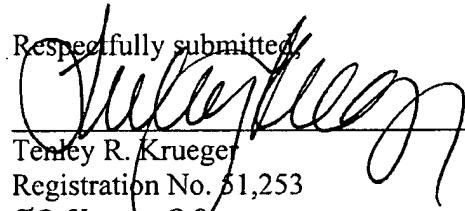
Claims 8-20 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/15897 (*Ishii*) in view of EP 1312624 (*Marchal*) and the K Resin DK11 product data sheet. As discussed in the interview, the references of record, either alone or in combination, do not teach, show or suggest the features of the pending claims. In particular, the references do not teach, show or suggest a composition including at least 50 wt.% of either the metallocene catalyzed ethylene polymer or the styrene-butadiene block copolymer, as recited in the amended claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 01/15897 (*Ishii*) in view of EP 1312624 (*Marchal*), the K Resin DK11 product data sheet and EP 0570222 (*Gusavage*). The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references do not supply the features missing from the primary reference cited in the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete

response to this Office Action. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the references cited in the Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed features. Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,


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